



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Finance
Report: [#2022-INFO-85](#)
Date: October 28, 2022

Subject:

Annual Reporting of Commodity Price Hedging Agreements for the Region of Durham for the 2021 Fiscal Year

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the details of the Commodity Price Hedging Agreements for the Region of Durham for the year ending December 31, 2021, in accordance with the Region's Commodity Price Hedging Agreements: Statement of Policies and Goals and Ontario Regulation 653/05.

2. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 2.1 Staff reports to Council annually on Commodity Price Hedging Agreements. The 2020 report ([Report 2021-INFO-120](#)) was presented on November 19, 2021.

3. Background

- 3.1 On June 20, 2007, Regional Council approved the Commodity Price Hedging Agreements: Statement of Policies and Goals for the Region of Durham, as outlined in Report #2007-F-53. The primary purpose for the development of the Statement of Policies and Goals was to provide the Region with the appropriate framework and guidelines when considering commodity price hedging agreements which can assist in providing greater price stability and certainty during periods of price volatility.

4. Reporting Requirements

4.1 As noted in the Statement of Policies and Goals, the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer shall report to Council annually with respect to any and all commodity price hedging agreements that are in place. The report shall contain, as a minimum, all requirements as set out in Ontario Regulation 653/05 and will consist of:

- A summary of any contingent payment obligations under the commodity price hedging agreement that, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer, would result in a material impact for the municipality, including agreement termination provisions, equipment loss, equipment replacement options and guarantee indemnities; and
- A summary of the assumptions applicable to any possible variations in the commodity price hedge agreement payment and contingent payment obligations.

5. The Region's Current Natural Gas Consulting Agreement

5.1 As approved by Council through Report [2019-F-40](#) (Request for Proposals RFP #348-2019), Blackstone Energy Services Inc. was awarded the contract for the provision of consulting and related services for the supply of natural gas for the Region for a three-year term with an option to extend for up to two additional one-year terms. The new contract was made effective November 28, 2019.

The Region's Current Natural Gas Price Hedging Strategy

5.2 The Region currently has almost 23,900 m³/day of natural gas volumes committed to the distribution system through its Direct Purchase Agreement. The Region was billed for almost 10 million m³ in total natural gas volumes for the 2021 calendar year at an estimated cost of almost \$3.3 million across all Enbridge accounts including DRLHC locations (\$2.65 million excluding DRLHC accounts).¹

5.3 In the 2021 fiscal year, to hedge against seasonal volatility, the Region entered into the following fixed price transactions:

¹ DRLHC accounts receive natural gas through either the Housing Services Corporation (HSC) natural gas bulk purchase program or through OEB-approved system gas rates (approved and updated on a quarterly basis).

2021 Fixed Block Transactions for Natural Gas Supply for Regional Managed Pools

Start Date	End Date	GJ/day	Cost per Unit	
11/01/2020	03/31/2021	230	\$3.370/GJ	\$0.130/m ³
11/01/2020	03/31/2021	54	\$3.915/GJ	\$0.151/m ³
11/01/2020	10/31/2021	230	\$2.990/GJ	\$0.115/m ³
11/01/2020	10/31/2021	214	\$3.585/GJ	\$0.138/m ³
11/01/2021	10/31/2022	214	\$3.340/GJ	\$0.128/m ³

Notes: - Costs are landed, not including local tolls from CDA Enbridge to Union Dawn.
 - Gigajoule (GJ) conversion to cubic meters (m³) assumes 1 GJ = 26 m³.

- 5.4 Overall, through the execution of the hedges for 2021, it is estimated that the Region's hedging activity resulted in costs that were approximately \$140,350 lower than otherwise would have been incurred securing supply at prevailing index/spot market pricing under the Region's Direct Purchase Agreement (approximately \$0.03/m³ lower for applicable hedged volumes).
- 5.5 For the 2021 fiscal year overall, it is estimated that the Region's natural gas acquisition costs were approximately \$0.149/m³ (weighted average), inclusive of transportation costs for its Ontario landed natural gas including all index and balancing transactions as well as fixed-block purchases. The Region's weighted average cost of gas was comparable to other natural gas pricing options and programs such as:
- Default Enbridge system gas rate as approved by the Ontario Energy Board (2021 estimated simple average of \$0.114/m³, including rate rider adjustments, and \$0.153/m³, including transportation);
 - Local Authority Services (LAS) Natural Gas Program price of \$0.101/m³ (not including transportation and priced at western Canada hub) for the 2020-21 program year and \$0.117/m³ for the 2021-22 program year.² With transportation to Union Dawn ranging between approximately \$0.036/m³ to \$0.041/m³ during 2021, the total all-in cost was estimated to be in the range of \$0.137/m³ and \$0.157/m³ during 2021; and
 - Housing Services Corporation (HSC) Bulk Purchase Program (2021 program commodity price of almost \$0.143/m³ plus transportation rate of \$0.032/m³ for total landed price of \$0.175/m³).³

² The LAS program year starts on November 1st and concludes on October 31st of the following year.

³ Annual HSC program price is a function of term selected at time of program enrolment. Program price above indicative of one year term

5.6 With supporting market intelligence and analysis as provided by Blackstone Energy Services, Regional staff are kept up-to-date regarding market conditions and proactively secure natural gas supply for Regional accounts where deemed financially beneficial to do so. Any price hedge is incurred primarily to ensure a secure source of supply and cost certainty given supply constraints are more often experienced over the winter heating season.

6. The Region's Current Electricity Consulting Agreement

6.1 Since February 2021, following award through a competitive bid process (RFP #529-2020), the Region has been utilizing Jupiter Energy to provide strategic electricity procurement and account management services to the Region for a two-year term with the right to extend the contract for an additional one year term. Among the services provided by Jupiter Energy is support and input to annual electricity budgets and forecasts, peak demand monitoring and curtailment notifications, and the development of procurement strategies through obtaining competitive bids for the supply of electricity to the Region's facilities using commodity price hedging agreements, where deemed appropriate.

6.2 The Region's facilities, including Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant and Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation (DRLHC) properties, are estimated to have consumed almost 183.8 million kWh of electricity in 2021 (metered and not adjusted for losses), at a total cost of approximately \$22.6 million across almost 700 individual end-use accounts (including applicable taxes).⁴

The Region's Current Electricity Price Hedging Strategy

6.3 There are currently no fixed price hedging arrangements in place for any of the Region's electricity accounts as spot market electricity pricing has not reached a consistent level that would pose a significant risk to the Region. In addition to facilitating hedges (where required), the Region's electricity advisor also provides services such as strategic advice in account structures, pricing and exiting the Regulated Price Plan (RPP, either tiered or Time-of-Use) and shifts to spot market pricing. While the Region has used such retail billing agent services in prior years, no Regional accounts were enrolled in such services in 2021.

7. Potential Variations in Commodity Price Hedge Agreement Payment and Contingent Payment Obligations

7.1 Hedging arrangements provide for fixed commodity pricing and the Region only contracts with credit-worthy counterparties which adhere to the requirements of the Region's Commodity Hedging Policy. Given this, there are no reasonably expected variations in the price payment of related contingent payment obligations related to

⁴ Duffin Creek WPCP consumption and cost values are the total for the plant. Duffin Creek WPCP is jointly owned by the Regional Municipality of Durham and the Regional Municipality of York.

commodity hedge transactions(s).

- 7.2 Given the Region transacts with natural gas suppliers on a regular basis, it has in place base supply agreements with six (6) natural gas suppliers (Direct Energy, EDF Trading, BP Corporation North America, Suncor Energy, RBC and Shell Energy) which ensures a competitive process for all supply transactions. Based on recent review, four of the Region's suppliers continue to meet the current minimum creditworthiness thresholds set by the Region as laid out in the Council-endorsed Statement of Policies and Goals, thus ensuring an ample and competitive list of natural gas suppliers for the Region. Regional staff continues to work with Blackstone for the purposes of onboarding additional credit-worthy counterparties to further enhance competitiveness among the Region's natural gas suppliers.
- 7.3 For electricity-related transactions, while options are often reviewed, the Region does not currently have any active base agreements with any electricity suppliers although the Region is currently working with its electricity advisor, Jupiter Energy, to onboard prequalified electricity suppliers to allow for future transacting, should such market opportunities deem it financially beneficial to do so.

8. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 8.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- Goal 5.1 Service Excellence – to provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective and financially sustainable service delivery.

9. Conclusion

- 9.1 For the 2021 fiscal year, while there were no hedges in place for the Region's electricity accounts, the Region did enter into several fixed price transactions for its natural gas accounts for the purposes of providing enhanced price stability and overall cost certainty.
- 9.2 Regional staff continue to work collaboratively with the Region's respective energy advisors and, with evaluation of market conditions and supporting price and account analysis, will consider opportunities for additional commodity price hedging arrangements, where appropriate and financially beneficial to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: [#2022-INFO-86](#)
Date: October 28, 2022

Subject:

Durham Region Health Department COVID-19 Response and Restoration

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an update on Durham Region Health Department's (DRHD's) ongoing response to COVID-19, vaccination, and regular program activities.
- 1.2 As DRHD continues to be actively engaged in COVID-19 response activities, while also operating high-priority regular programs and services where feasible, this report is provided in place of Program Reports for July 1 to September 30, 2022.

2. Background

- 2.1 It has been over two years since the World Health Organization (WHO) announced that COVID-19 was a pandemic, with 118,319 cases globally on March 11, 2020. By September 30, 2022, there were over 615 million confirmed cases, with over 6.5 million deaths globally.
- 2.2 DRHD continues to respond to COVID-19 and deliver vaccines.
- 2.3 Ongoing response efforts include case and contact management, communications, inspections, investigations, monitoring and surveillance, testing support, implementation of modified programs, and plans that can be quickly adapted to mitigate risks.

2.4 Over the past two years, COVID-19 response efforts were a priority for DRHD and required significant resource commitments. In the first year of the response, many regular public health programs and services were suspended to allow DRHD staff to focus on COVID-19, but gradually, programs were restored starting with high priority programs. For over a year, DRHD balanced the restoration of public health programs and services with ongoing pandemic response needs, including continued requirements for vaccinating eligible populations. In 2022, DRHD continues to restore public health programs and services while balancing the need to respond to additional waves of COVID-19 and vaccinating additional eligible populations.

3. Status of COVID-19 in Durham Region

3.1 The [Durham Region COVID-19 Data Tracker](#) shows the number of COVID-19 cases in Durham Region by age, gender, and whether hospitalized or deceased. This tool also displays the number of cases by reported or episode date, school and childcare absenteeism, the status of outbreaks in institutions, wastewater surveillance, and vaccinations. As of September 30, there were over **1.5 million** clicks on the link to the Data Tracker from durham.ca/novelcoronavirus. From July 1 to September 30, there were **5,928** clicks on the link to the Data Tracker.

3.2 As of September 30, Durham Region reported **68,065** confirmed COVID-19 cases, with **4,647** cases identified between July 1 and September 30, 2022.

3.3 From July 1 to September 30, results from Durham's COVID-19 wastewater surveillance showed that viral signals for SARS-CoV-2 continued to be high, indicating that COVID-19 is still prevalent in the community.

3.4 For hospitalizations, Durham Region's seven-day average ranged between **zero** to **three** between July 1 and September 30, 2022.

3.5 Ontario remains in wave seven of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is driven by the Omicron BA.5 sub-variant. Waves one to seven are summarized below.

- a. The first wave began on February 26, 2020 and ended on August 31, 2020. There were three noticeable phases: growth, flattening and recovery.
- b. The second wave occurred from September 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021, peaked in January 2021, then flattened over the course of January into February.
- c. The third wave began on March 1, 2021, peaked mid-April, and ended July 31, 2021.
- d. The fourth wave began on August 1, 2021 and daily case counts remained steady throughout the fall, then concluded on December 14, 2021.
- e. The fifth wave began on December 15, 2021 and ended on February 28, 2022. This wave was driven by the emergence of the Omicron variant. The fifth wave resulted in the highest daily case counts of all COVID-19 waves so far.

- f. The sixth wave began on March 1, 2022, peaked between the second half of April until it trended downwards starting in early May, and concluded on June 18, 2022. This wave was driven by the Omicron BA.2 sub-variant.
- g. The seventh wave began on June 16, 2022, and is ongoing, although it passed its peak by the end of July.

4. Status of COVID-19 Vaccines in Durham

- 4.1 As of September 30, 2022, Durham's two-dose vaccination rate reached approximately **84 per cent** for the population aged five and older, and **over 1.5 million** doses of COVID-19 vaccines were administered in Durham Region.
- 4.2 Most vaccines administered in Durham Region were given at community and hospital clinics (**68 per cent**), or at pharmacies (**31 per cent**). Other channels for administering vaccines in Durham included hotspot pop-up clinics, primary care clinics, mobile clinics, hotspot mobile clinics, provincial clinics, and workplace clinics.
- 4.3 Eligibility for COVID-19 vaccines expanded over time. At the time of writing this report, individuals six months and older are eligible for the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines, and many are eligible for boosters. Detailed information on vaccine eligibility is available online at durham.ca/covidvaccines.

5. COVID-19 Response

- 5.1 As one of DRHD's critical public health functions under the [Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services, and Accountability](#) (OPHS), the Health Department is required to prepare for emergencies to ensure 24/7 timely, integrated, safe and effective response to, and recovery from emergencies with public health impacts.
- 5.2 COVID-19 response activities include case management and contact tracing; communications; inspections and investigations; issuing instructions and orders; surveillance; and testing support. A snapshot of some of DRHD's response activities is provided in the [#PublicHealthProtects Infographic](#) which is updated every three months and available on durham.ca/novelcoronavirus.

a. Case and Contact Management

- Case and contact management are ongoing COVID-19 response activities.
- This involves, but is not limited to, data entry and reporting, investigating disease exposure, counselling, and contact assessment.
- Contact management activities include initial communication with contacts identified, assessing exposure risks, and providing instructions and recommendations based on risks.
- From July 1 to September 30, 2022, public health nurses (PHNs) have followed up with **4,115** cases. It is important to note that in December 2021, the Ontario government announced changes to case and contact

management due to the high volume of COVID-19 cases across Ontario. Details of these changes are explained in the April 29 Information Report ([#2022-INFO-36](#)), under section 5.2a. These changes allowed DRHD to focus case and contact management activities in the highest risk settings and redirect resources to administering COVID-19 vaccine. In August 2022, there was a further change to provincial case and contact management guidelines that decreased the need for individual follow-up with cases in the highest risk settings. The focus is now to support early outbreak identification. With this change, as of September 12, DRHD started referring all cases to the provincial workforce to align with provincial guidance.

- PHNs are supported by the Business Affairs Division which has received and disseminated **8,220** test results for follow-up from July 1 to September 30, 2022.

b. **Communications**

- DRHD is responsible for communicating medical advice and guidance to local partners, Regional partners and the public. Staff must ensure that information is provided in a timely, accurate and accessible manner.
- Communications occur through numerous platforms including phone interactions with residents and community partners, responses to media requests, public appearances through local media outlets, participation in community events, participation on local planning tables, social media and online at durham.ca.
- A dedicated [COVID-19](#) webpage on durham.ca was established early in the pandemic to provide important and timely information to community partners and residents. The webpage is continually updated as DRHD receives new information.
- The webpage includes: information on case status in Durham Region; a page on [COVID-19 vaccines](#); [COVID-19 Case and Contact Information Hub](#); [COVID-19 Guidance and Advice for Businesses and Organizations](#); [COVID-19 testing](#) information; information about [Masks](#); facts and frequently asked questions; information for health care professionals; local outbreak information; resources (e.g., mental health resources); and travel advice.
- DRHD also manages an online vaccine booking system, which is accessible by visiting durhamvaccinebooking.ca. From July 1 to September 30, there have been **11,710** clicks on the booking website.
- Durham Health Connection Line (DHCL) continues to respond to COVID-19 and vaccine inquiries from the public and local partners. From July 1 to September 30, 2022, there have been **1,173** COVID-19 phone and email interactions with residents and community partners.

c. **Inspections and Investigations**

- The Health Protection Division (HPD) is responsible for conducting inspections of local businesses to ensure compliance with guidelines, orders, and regulations. HPD inspects facilities experiencing outbreaks to address non-compliance and responds to inquiries and complaints.
- From July 1 to September 30, 2022, HPD conducted **11** inspections related to COVID-19 and managed **118** COVID-19 inquiries/complaints from businesses and the public via DHCL.

d. **Instructions and Orders**

- The Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health (C&MOH) and Associate Medical Officer of Health (AMOH) continue to provide medical advice, guidance, and oversight throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. They have the responsibility of monitoring the spread of COVID-19 at the local level, assessing risks and impacts, and using their medical expertise to provide recommendations to mitigate local risks. The C&MOH and AMOH are also DRHD's COVID-19 media spokespersons.
- The C&MOH and AMOH have issued various instructions and class orders to address health risks presented by COVID-19 throughout the pandemic.
- Orders issued in 2021 are outlined in Council Information Packages from July 30, 2021 ([#2021-INFO-81](#)), April 30, 2021 ([#2021-INFO-48](#)), October 29, 2021 ([#2021-INFO-112](#)) and February 4, 2022 ([#2022-INFO-7](#)).
- On February 4, 2022, DRHD's Section 22 Class Order for workplaces, dated Nov. 23, 2020, and revised Jan. 13, 2022, was revoked to align with provincial legislation.

e. **Outbreak Management**

- DRHD has coordinated outbreak management support to institutions, including childcare centres, schools, and post-secondary institutions. Staff members also supported congregate living and workplace settings experiencing outbreaks. Staff members supported institutions in implementing outbreak control measures including following Chief Medical Officer of Health directives, ensuring appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE), increasing environmental sanitation, cleaning, and disinfection, and advocating for hand hygiene among residents and staff. Staff members also maintained daily contact with institutions experiencing outbreaks to provide support as needed.
- From July 1 to September 30, Public Health Inspectors (PHIs) managed **96** COVID-19 suspected or confirmed outbreaks in institutional settings (**18** hospitals, **37** long-term care homes, **44** retirement homes), and **39** in congregate living settings (**30** group homes, **six** shelters, **two** international agricultural workers' overnight camps). Please note that due to changes in provincial guidelines, as of January 6, 2022, outbreaks are not declared in

childcare and school settings and as of January 30, 2022, outbreaks are not declared in workplaces.

f. **Surveillance**

- The Health Analytics & Research Team (HART) is responsible for assessment and surveillance of COVID-19 from an epidemiological perspective. Responsibilities include development and adaptation of existing data systems to document information, production of data quality reports and identification of gaps or issues, communication and engagement with Public Health Ontario (PHO) and the Ministry of Health regarding COVID-19 surveillance, data analysis, and reporting.
- HART continues to monitor the spread of COVID-19 across Durham Region and identify opportunities to enhance the information available to community partners and residents.
- The [Durham Region COVID-19 Data Tracker](#) provides details on the status of COVID-19, wastewater surveillance, vaccinations, and school/childcare absenteeism across Durham Region. It is updated weekly on Wednesdays. The [Weekly Snapshot](#) shows key public health indicators for Durham Region related to COVID-19 vaccination, virus spread and severity by week including weekly incidence rate of COVID-19 per 100,000, laboratory testing and percent positivity, outbreaks in institutions and congregate living settings, hospitalizations, and deaths.
- Updates were made to the Data Tracker's Vaccinations tab on August 10, 2022 to include coverage rates for the second booster and to update age groups to coincide with vaccine eligibility.

g. **Testing Support**

- In collaboration with provincial and local partners, DRHD supported the establishment of local testing sites and related policies and procedures. Provincial direction regarding testing has experienced numerous changes over time. Testing guidance is updated, as needed on the [COVID-19 Testing](#) page on durham.ca. DRHD has collaborated with local partners to update procedures and resources as appropriate. Most importantly, on December 30, the Ontario government announced new [testing guidance](#), which limited public access to COVID-19 testing centres. This decision was made in response to the rapidly spreading and highly transmissible Omicron variant.
- Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) provided essential support to testing activities by collecting nasal swabs in targeted populations, and screening clients for COVID-19.
- Between January 1 and September 30, 2022, RDPS collected **33** nasal swabs in congregate living settings and from high-risk clients screened **48,018** clients for COVID-19.

6. COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Administration

- 6.1 Currently, six COVID-19 vaccines are authorized for use in Canada: AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD (Vaxzevria), Janssen (Johnson & Johnson), Medicago (Covifenz), Moderna (Spikevax), Novavax (Nuvaxovid), and Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty). Information about the approvals and use of these vaccines is detailed in the April 29 Information Report ([#2022-INFO-36](#)), under section 6.1.
- 6.2 The Province led the distribution of the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines in Ontario through a [three-phase plan](#) and is now leading the distribution of boosters. Locally, the COVID-19 Vaccine Planning Steering Table provides oversight and advice on the vaccine roll-out in Durham Region. The Steering Table has representation from DRHD, Lakeridge Health, local primary care physicians, and the Durham Emergency Management Office.
- 6.3 Up to date information about groups eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccines and boosters is available at durham.ca/covidvaccines.
- 6.4 As of September 30, **1,074,147** doses of COVID-19 vaccines were administered at DRHD and Lakeridge Health community and hospital clinics, **332,117** doses were administered at pharmacies, **55,571** doses were administered in primary care settings, **55,208** doses were administered at hotspot pop-up clinics, **39,180** doses were administered at DRHD mobile clinics, **14,744** doses were administered at provincial clinics, and **1,619** doses were administered at workplace clinics.
- 6.5 Between July 1 and September 30, RDPS' mobile teams administered **22** COVID-19 vaccines to homebound clients through the Community Paramedicine – High Intensity Support at Home Program.

7. Restoration and Regular Programs and Services

- 7.1 DRHD developed an adaptive restoration plan to resume program activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. From July 1 to September 30, DRHD responded to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and continued to restore high-priority programs where feasible. Programs and services that operated between July 1 to September 30 are described below.

a. Health Protection

- PHIs conducted **43** compliance inspections of international agricultural worker accommodations.
- PHIs conducted **972** compliance inspections of food premises and **181** re-inspections.
- PHIs inspected **16** small drinking water systems to ensure safe and sanitary conditions, resulting in issuing **two** warning notices.
- Staff processed **167** building permit applications and **seven** applications for additions.

- PHIs conducted **444** rabies investigations and **zero** of the **24** animals submitted to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency lab in Ottawa tested positive for rabies.
 - **Fifty-nine** individuals received rabies post-exposure prophylaxes.
- b. **Healthy Families**
- Some Healthy Families programs were restored with limited capacity and services were offered as needed between July 1 and September 30.
 - PHNs provided breastfeeding support to postpartum clients through **731** in-person clinic visits, **209** home visits, **416** telephone consultations, and **15** virtual visits.
 - Healthy Babies Healthy Children PHNs and Family Visitors provided a total of **845** home visits and **33** virtual visits to families to develop and address goals related to healthy child development and effective parenting.
 - Infant and Child Development staff completed **740** visits with families whose children are at risk or have developmental concerns.
 - PHNs facilitated **three** health education sessions for parents on strategies to support school readiness and **four** prenatal classes for young expectant mothers on topics including pregnancy, labour and delivery, and early parenthood.
- c. **Healthy Living**
- From July 1 to September 30, the Oral Health Division (OHD) had **1,209** appointments for care, seeing **959** unique patients including **810** seniors, and **149** children and youth.
 - During the weeks of July 11 and July 18, OHD moved into the new clinic space at 200 John St. W. in Oshawa. The new clinic opened to patients on July 25.
 - From July 1 to September 30, PHNs continued to collaborate with Opioid Task Force members to address the [opioid response plan](#) areas of prevention, treatment, harm reduction and enforcement.
 - From July 1 to September 30, **1,156** Naloxone kits (**1,010** kits and **146** refills) were distributed to eligible organizations to give to their clients for preventing opioid related overdose deaths.
- d. **Infectious Diseases**
- Infectious Diseases programs are now restored. From July 1 to September 30, Population Health Division staff:
 - (a) Investigated **155** adverse events following immunization.
 - (b) Completed **762** vaccine orders, **259** vaccine fridge inspections, and **12** cold chain investigations.
 - (c) Answered **1,100** immunization calls from Durham Region residents.
 - (d) Administered **1,556** vaccine doses to students in Grade 7 to 12 at **eight** catch-up immunization clinics.

- (e) Distributed **2,112** *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014* notices.
- (f) Investigated **37** clients for monkeypox, of which **11** were confirmed and **three** were suspect cases.
- (g) Followed up with **15** contacts of monkeypox cases.
- (h) Managed **882** infectious disease cases and followed up with **87** contacts. Infectious diseases included tuberculosis, latent tuberculosis infection, communicable diseases, and sexually transmitted infections.
- (i) Completed **2,955** virtual and in-person appointments at the Oshawa and Pickering Sexual Health Clinics.

e. **Paramedic Services**

- Between July 1 and September 30, RDPS:
 - (a) Responded to 23,295 emergency calls.
 - (b) Completed COVID-19 screenings for each patient and 2,157 screened positive.
 - (c) Spent 13,311 hours of offload delay. The average time to arrive at hospitals to offload patients was 69.3 minutes and during this time, the 90th percentile ambulance offload time was 166 minutes.

f. **Privacy & Information Security**

- The *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* provides individuals the right to request access municipal government information and records containing their own personal information. The Privacy & Information Security Team (P&IST) received and responded to **one** access request between July 1 and September 30.
- The *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004* (PHIPA) provides individuals with a right to access their personal health information held by DRHD. Between July 1 and September 30, P&IST received and responded to **five** requests from clients to access their record of personal health information.
- Between July 1 and September 30, P&IST responded to **two** requests from clients to access their personal health information related to COVID-19.
- Under PHIPA, DRHD must take steps that are reasonable in the circumstances to ensure personal health information is protected against theft, loss, and unauthorized use and disclosure. A privacy breach occurs when there is a contravention of this provision. Between July 1 and September 30, the privacy team investigated and closed **three** privacy incidents.
- Between July 1 and September 30, DRHD provided **13** staff members with access to ConnectingOntario. DRHD is a subscriber to the ConnectingOntario Clinical Viewer, a secure, web-based portal that provides real-time access to digital health records from health care providers across Ontario.

8. Conclusion

- 8.1 Starting in February 2022, Ontario began gradually lifting public health measures. Most recently, on August 31, Ontario lifted its five-day isolation requirement for those that test positive for COVID-19. Although not mandatory, Ontario public health officials continue to recommend that those who feel ill should isolate while symptomatic and return to work or school 24 hours after their symptoms have improved.
- 8.2 Lifting remaining public health measures does not mean the risk of COVID-19 has been eliminated; it indicates that the province is ready to move to a longer-term approach to living with and managing COVID-19.
- 8.3 DRHD staff members remain engaged in COVID-19 response activities, with a focus on vaccine planning and administration.
- 8.4 DRHD remains flexible and continuously evaluates resources to ensure it has capacity to respond to the pandemic while offering regular programs when feasible.
- 8.5 Plans for the restoration of regular services through 2022 will be adjusted based on provincial requirements and DRHD's capacity to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, including requirements to vaccinate eligible populations.
- 8.6 DRHD continues to be committed to keeping the public and local partners informed of the status of the COVID-19 pandemic and COVID-19 vaccines.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

R.J. Kyle, BSc, MD, MHSc, CCFP, FRCPC, FACPM
Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Resolution # RC22159	Meeting Order: 5
M	Seconded by:

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario, through the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, has introduced Bill 3 which is described as "An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of council";

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will initially apply to the City of Toronto and City of Ottawa, but will later be expanded to include other municipalities according to a statement made by the Premier at the 2022 AMO annual conference;

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will give Mayors additional authority and powers, and correspondingly take away authority and powers from Councils and professional staff, and will include giving the Mayor the authority to propose and adopt the Municipal budget and to veto some decisions of Council;

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will give authority over professional staff to the Mayor, including that of the Chief Administrative Officer;

AND WHEREAS these changes will result in a reduction of independence for professional staff including the CAO, who currently provide objective information to the Council and public and will now take direction from the Mayor alone when the Mayor so directs;

AND WHEREAS these are surprising and unnecessary changes to the historical balance of power between a Mayor and Council, and which historically gave the final say in all matters to the will of the majority of the elected Council; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby pass this resolution to petition the Government of Ontario that:

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

- 1. These changes to the Municipal Act, 2001, are unnecessary and will negatively affect the Municipality of Wawa;
2. That if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities;
3. That the Ontario Government should enact legislation clarifying the role of Mayor, Council and Chief Administrative Officer, similar to those recommended by the Ontario Municipal Administrator's Association and those recommended by Justice Marrocco in the Collingwood judicial inquiry of 2020; and
4. That if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the Planning Act and funding of more affordable housing.

FURTHER, Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa directs the Clerk to ensure that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the "Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy", MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin – Kapuskasing, Michael Mantha, MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and other Municipalities in Ontario."

Table with 4 columns: RESOLUTION RESULT, RECORDED VOTE, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, YES, NO. Rows include CARRIED (checked), DEFEATED, Tabled, RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT), PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED, and WITHDRAWN.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

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Council Resolution

Moved By B. Ostrander

Agenda
Item 10

Resolution Number
2022-10-19- 658

Seconded By W. Cane

Council Date: October 19, 2022

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the October 3, 2022, Community Health Committee, as contained within the Committee Minutes, with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

Committee Name	Item #	Description	Held By
Community Health	7a		Councillor Ostrander

And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Carried 
Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature



Council Resolution

Moved By B. Sanderson

Agenda Item 11.a Resolution Number
2022-10-19- 659

Seconded By B. Ostrander

Council Date: October 19, 2022

"Whereas Item 7.a from the October 3, 2022 Community Health Committee was held by Council for separate discussion at this meeting, the item being 'Correspondence, Municipality of Brighton 'Change to Healthcare Connect System - Canadian Forces Member';

Be it Resolved That Council adopt the following:

- County Council direct staff to take the necessary actions to advise that Northumberland County support the resolution from the Municipality of Brighton regarding changes made to the Healthcare Connect System of the Canadian Armed Forces."

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____

Councillor's Name

Deferred _____

Warden's Signature

Carried _____

Warden's Signature

Defeated _____

Warden's Signature

From: [Candice Doiron](#)
To:

Change to Healthcare Connect System - Canadian Forces Member
Thursday, September 8, 2022 1:11:24 PM

Cc:
Subject:
Date:

CAUTION: External E-Mail

Good afternoon;

Please find below a resolution that was passed September 6, 2022 by Council of the Municipality of Brighton looking for support regarding changes to be made to the Healthcare Connect System for Members of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Resolution No. COU-2022-329
Moved by Councillor Mark Bateman
Seconded by Mayor Brian Ostrander

Whereas Brighton is a community with a significant military population;
And whereas military personnel are from time to time released from their duties for medical reasons;
And whereas military personnel are attached to healthcare through the Canadian Armed Forces which ceases after the date of military release;
And whereas released military personnel are unable to register with Healthcare Connect until after their release date, providing a healthcare gap;
And whereas the notice for release dates are well in advance of the actual date of release from the Canadian Armed Forces;
Now therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Brighton endorse that the Ontario Government change the access rules to Healthcare Connect to permit the registration of military personnel into the Healthcare Connect system once those Canadian Forces Members are provided with a release date;
And further that this motion is circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health, MPP David Piccini, and all municipalities across Ontario and the Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for endorsement.
Carried

Kind Regards,

Candice Doiron
Municipal Clerk

Municipality of Brighton
35 Alice Street
PO Box 189

Brighton, ON K0K 1H0

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DURHAM REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES BOARD

B. Drew Chair * G. Cubitt, Vice-Chair
K. Ashe Member * S. Bhatia, Member
K. Fisher, Member * J. Henry, Member

October 25, 2022

The Honourable Doug Downey
Attorney General of Ontario

BY EMAIL

Dear Minister Downey,

The Durham Regional Police Services Board passed the following motion at its Board meeting held on October 20, 2022:

THAT the Board endorse the East Ferris Police Services Board “Let’s Remember Adam” Bus Cameras Resolution; and

THAT the Resolution be circulated to the Provincial Government, Regional Council, and local Councils.

We are hopeful that the Provincial Government will take the required action to address this serious community safety concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Drew", followed by a horizontal line.

Bobbie Drew
Chair

c.c.: Chief Rollauer
Durham Regional Council
Pickering Council
Ajax Council
Whitby Council
Oshawa Council
Clarington Council
Scugog Council

Uxbridge Council
Brock Council
Municipality of East Ferris Police Services Board
Ontario Association of Police Services Boards

Attachment: Municipality of East Ferris Police Services Board "Let's Remember Adam" Bus Cameras Resolution

POLICE SERVICES BOARD

September 22nd, 2022

To All Ontario Police Services Boards:

The Municipality of East Ferris Police Services Board is concerned that not enough is being done to protect children getting on and off school buses. Since the beginning of the 2022 school year, all school buses operating in Ontario have been equipped with a new eight-light amber light system, as well as text added to the back of the bus to remind drivers not to pass when the red lights are flashing. These changes are all intended to help drivers do the right thing. Unfortunately, the results since the beginning of this school year show no change in driver behavior. The East Ferris Police Services Board is convinced we must now proceed with the addition of the third component of the school bus safety program: camera equipped stop arms to ensure safety compliance.

A recent study by Nipissing-Parry Sound Student Transportation Services regarding illegal school bus passing found 552 incidents for the school year 2021 / 22 or 2.95 per school day. As part of the "Let's Remember Adam" campaign in the Municipality of East Ferris, illegal passing noted in the first three weeks of the 2022 / 23 school year by buses carrying East Ferris children shows no change in driver behavior. Therefore, it is time to move to Step 3: mandatory installation of cameras on all school buses. For change to happen, education plus enforcement are needed. The East Ferris Police Services Board is asking all Police Services Boards, given their mandate to ensure safety and well-being, to bring forward to their next Police Services Board Meeting the following resolution to adopt and circulate to the appropriate parties in their area.

WHEREAS in Ontario it is unlawful for a stopped school bus to fail to stop when the red overhead lights or the stop arm is activated, and

WHEREAS, an eight-light yellow and red light system and education campaign to encourage drivers to stop is now in place in Ontario, and

*WHEREAS data collected to date by the East Ferris Police Services Board indicates that there has been no change in driver habits since the beginning of the 2022 school year; and
WHEREAS over 837,000 students travel in a school vehicle in Ontario each school day; and*

WHEREAS the East Ferris Police Services Board believes that school buses should be as safe as possible and that safety standards should be higher than they are;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Police Services Board of the Municipality of East Ferris request the Attorney General of Ontario to enforce laws that protect students by prohibiting drivers from passing a school bus when dropping off or picking up passengers.

FURTHER, that the Attorney General request that the appropriate provincial government officials review recent proposed changes to school bus regulations by Transport Canada regarding required equipment, including:

- Infraction cameras*
- Extended stop sign arms*
- 360 degree exterior cameras*

FURTHER, that the Attorney General examine the application of camera and fine collection technologies similar to those used on electronically controlled toll highways to ensure that no offending driver is excluded from the law.

FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Nipissing MPP Vic Fedeli, local school boards and the Ontario Good Roads Association.

In closing, the Municipality of East Ferris Police Services Board wish to thank you for your support on this matter.

Regards,

Pauline Rochefort
Pauline Rochefort, Chair
East Ferris Police Services Board



DURHAM REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES BOARD

B. Drew Chair * G. Cubitt, Vice-Chair
K. Ashe Member * S. Bhatia, Member
K. Fisher, Member * J. Henry, Member * M. Welch, Member

October 26, 2022

Regional Chair Henry and Members of Regional Council
c/o Mr. Alexander Harras
Director of Legislative Services and Regional Clerk
Region of Durham

BY EMAIL

RE: Appointments to the Police Services Board

Dear Regional Chair Henry and Members of Regional Council,

On behalf of the Police Services Board, I am writing concerning the appointment of Regional Council members to the Police Services the Board.

As you may know, the *Community Safety and Policing Act* (CSPA) received Royal Assent in 2019, and will replace the *Police Services Act* once it is proclaimed in force. The new Act will require consideration of police records checks before a member is appointed to the Board. Section 33(2) of the CSPA states the following:


33(2) The appointing person or body must consider the results of a potential appointee's police record check that was prepared within the past 12 months before appointing him or her as a member of a police service board.

Durham Regional Council is responsible for the appointment of four persons to the Police Services Board, including three members of Regional Council (including the Regional Chair) and a citizen appointed by Regional Council. The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario appoints the remaining three Board members. Currently, members appointed to the Board by the Lieutenant Governor are subject to a police record check prior to appointment; however, no such process exists for the appointment of members by Regional Council.

Although the new legislation is not yet in force, the Board requests that Council adopt a procedure that requires consideration of a police record check before an appointment to the Board is made. By ensuring that thorough deliberation is given to the character of potential appointees, the competence and integrity of the Board is strengthened and the ability to foster a positive relationship with the DRPS is reinforced. This process would be consistent with that in place at the Provincial level, and would support the enhancement of trust and confidence in policing.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Drew', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Bobbie Drew
Chair

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact 1-800-372-1102 ext. 2097.

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 20, 2022

A regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, October 20, 2022 in Lower Level Boardroom (LL-C), Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:01 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: S. Clearwater, Whitby
R. Dickinson, Brock
B. Foxton, Uxbridge
G. Layton, Oshawa, Second Vice-Chair
K. Lui, Member at Large
M. Nasir, Ajax
S. Panchal, Youth Member
B. Shipp, Member at Large attended the meeting at 7:09 PM
D. Stathopoulos, Member at Large
***all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: A. Abu-Rayash, Member at Large
G. Carpentier, Scugog, Chair
J. Cuthbertson, Clarington, First Vice-Chair
O. Chaudhry, Pickering
K. Murray, Member at Large
S. Yamada, Regional Councillor, Town of Whitby

Staff

Present: R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
A. Luqman, Senior Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department
T. Nimmo, Manager of Technical Support, Works Department
S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

In the absence of the Committee Chair, G. Layton, Second Vice-Chair, assumed the Chair.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by K. Lui, Seconded by M. Nasir,
That the agenda for the October 20, 2022 Durham Environmental
Advisory Committee (DEAC) meeting, as presented, be approved.
CARRIED

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by R. Dickinson,
That the minutes of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee
meeting held on Thursday, September 15, 2022, be adopted.

CARRIED

5. Presentations

A) Durham Wastewater – Treatment, Sludge, and Biosolids, Tavis Nimmo, Durham
Region Works Department

Tavis Nimmo, Manager of Technical Support, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Durham's Wastewater – Treatment, Sludge, and Biosolids.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Presentation Overview
- Durham Wastewater
 - Collection System
 - Hauled Wastewater
 - Sewer-Use By-Law Program
- Wastewater Treatment
- Conventional Activated Sludge Treatment
 - Step One: Preliminary Treatment
 - Step Two: Primary Treatment
 - Step Three: Secondary Treatment – Two Stages
 - Step Four: Disinfection & Chemical Treatment
 - Step Five: Discharge
 - Step Six: Solids Management
- Sludge – Stabilization
 - Aerobic Digestion
 - Anaerobic Digestion
- Biosolids
 - Incineration Pre-Treatment
 - Incineration
 - Land Application

T. Nimmo responded to questions from the Committee regarding whether there have been any bypasses for Durham Region during the primary or secondary water treatment processes; and whether the application of biosolids to farmlands is restricted to grasslands in the first year or two.

In response to a question from the Committee regarding the composition of the biosolids that are used for land use applications, and what the biosolids are tested for, T. Nimmo advised that he would provide the literature to A. Luqman to share with the Committee.

6. Items for Discussion

A) Advisory Committee Applications Deadline

A. Luqman reminded the committee members that the application deadline for applying for regional advisory committees is Thursday, October 27, 2022.

7. For Information

A) Information Report #2022-INFO-83: Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee 2022 Farm Tour

A copy of Report #2022-INFO-83 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received.

B) Impact of Mowing Frequency on Anthropod Abundance and Diversity in Urban Habitats: A meta-analysis

A copy of the Impact of Mowing Frequency on Anthropod Abundance and Diversity in Urban Habitats: A meta-analysis article abstract was received.

C) Whitby Lynde Creek Master Drainage Plan Update – Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Notice of Completion and Final Report

A copy of the Whitby Lynde Creek Master Drainage Plan Update – Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Notice of Completion and Final Report was received.

D) PLN 38-22 Pickering Integrated Sustainable Design Standards

A copy of Report #PLN 38-22: Pickering Integrated Sustainable Design Standards was received.

Discussion ensued regarding the encouragement by the Pickering Official Plan to install white roofs to improve energy efficiency in buildings, stormwater management absorption quality, and to reduce urban heat island effects, and if in Durham's climate, a darker roof would be more beneficial.

E) Whitby Climate Emergency Response Plan – CityInsight Model

A copy of the Whitby Climate Emergency Response Plan – CityInsight Model was received.

Discussion ensued regarding whether Net Zero by 2050 is possible with the population increasing so dramatically, and what specifically is being done to get Durham Region there.

The Committee expressed their interest in having a presentation from the Town of Whitby to explain the CityInsight Model.

F) Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee – Minutes from September 13th Meeting

A copy of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee – Minutes from September 13th Meeting was received.

G) Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change – Minutes from September 16th Meeting

A copy of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change – Minutes from September 16th meeting was received.

H) Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting – Minutes from September 27th Meeting

A copy of the Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting – Minutes from September 27th meeting was received.

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by R. Dickinson,
That Information Items 7. A) to H) inclusive, be received for information.
CARRIED

8. Other Business

A) Friends of Second Marsh

G. Layton advised that the Friends of Second Marsh received \$34,000 from the provincial Great Lakes Local Action Fund (GLLF) for their “Let’s De-Phrag the Marsh Project” which aims at managing invasive phragmites in the marsh.

In response to a question from the Committee regarding whether the Friends of Second Marsh is cutting back on the use of herbicides to control the phragmites in the marsh, G. Layton advised that she would provide a more detailed update at the next committee meeting. S. Clearwater stated that she would provide G. Layton with the research that she had found.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2022, starting at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

10. Adjournment

Moved by D. Stathopoulos, Seconded by B. Foxton,
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM

G. Layton, Second Vice-Chair, Durham
Environmental Advisory Committee

S. Ciani, Committee Clerk